

ATTACHMENT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS
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1. (Currently Amended) A data protection device comprising:

a fire-resistant enclosure comprising an inner wall and an outer wall and having a thermally resistant material between the inner and outer wall, the inner wall defining an enclosure for housing an electronic data storage device therein, and having at least one wall and a closeable opening, said enclosure capable of protecting contents from environmental hazard;

at least one electrical connector within said enclosure for providing power inside said enclosure; and

at least one data ~~link~~transmitter within said enclosure for providing a data ~~communication~~link between inside said enclosure and outside said enclosure;

said at least one electrical connector and said at least one data ~~transmitter~~ link extending outside said enclosure for connection with at least one power source and at least one data source;

wherein said at least one electrical connector and said at least one data ~~transmitter~~ link ~~extend within said at least one wall~~ extend between said inner and outer walls in such manner to substantially prevent an environmental hazard from affecting contents of said enclosure.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting an electronic data storage device from environmental hazard, comprising:

enclosing said electronic data storage device in a fire-resistant housing enclosure capable of protecting said data storage device from environmental hazard, comprising an inner wall and an outer wall and having a thermally resistant material between the inner and outer wall, the

inner wall defining an enclosure for housing the electronic data storage device therein, and an electrical conductor extending between said inner and outer walls to provide a power source within said housing and an electronic data link extending between said inner and outer walls to provide a data communication link within said housing for receiving electronic data within said housing, in such manner to resist damage to the electronic data within the housing from an environmental hazard;

connecting said data storage device inside said enclosure to a power source outside said enclosure via said electrical conductor; and

connecting said data storage device inside said enclosure to a data source outside said enclosure via said electronic data link.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting electronic data from environmental hazard, comprising:

placing ~~an~~ electronic data storage device within a fire-protected housing, the housing comprising an inner wall and an outer wall and having a thermally resistant material between the inner and outer wall, the inner wall defining an enclosure for housing an electronic data storage device therein, and an electrical conductor extending between said inner and outer walls to provide a power source within said housing and an electronic data link extending between said inner and outer walls to provide a data communication link within said housing for receiving electronic data within said housing, in such manner to resist damage to the electronic data within the housing from an environmental hazard;

completely enclosing said ~~stored~~-electronic data storage device in a the fire-resistant enclosure capable of protecting housing to protect said ~~stored~~-electronic data storage device from environmental hazard;

connecting said ~~enclosure~~ electronic storage device to a power source outside said enclosure; and

connecting said ~~enclosure~~ electronic storage device to a data source outside said enclosure; and

storing data on said electronic storage device on an on-going basis within the housing.